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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION

OF THE

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 7, 1950

THE REV. C. FRANK JANSSEN, *Pastor*
FRANK BRACEWELL, *Choir Director*
MRS. GEORGE W. FERREIRA, *Organist*

Our Present Church Building—*Erected in 1909*

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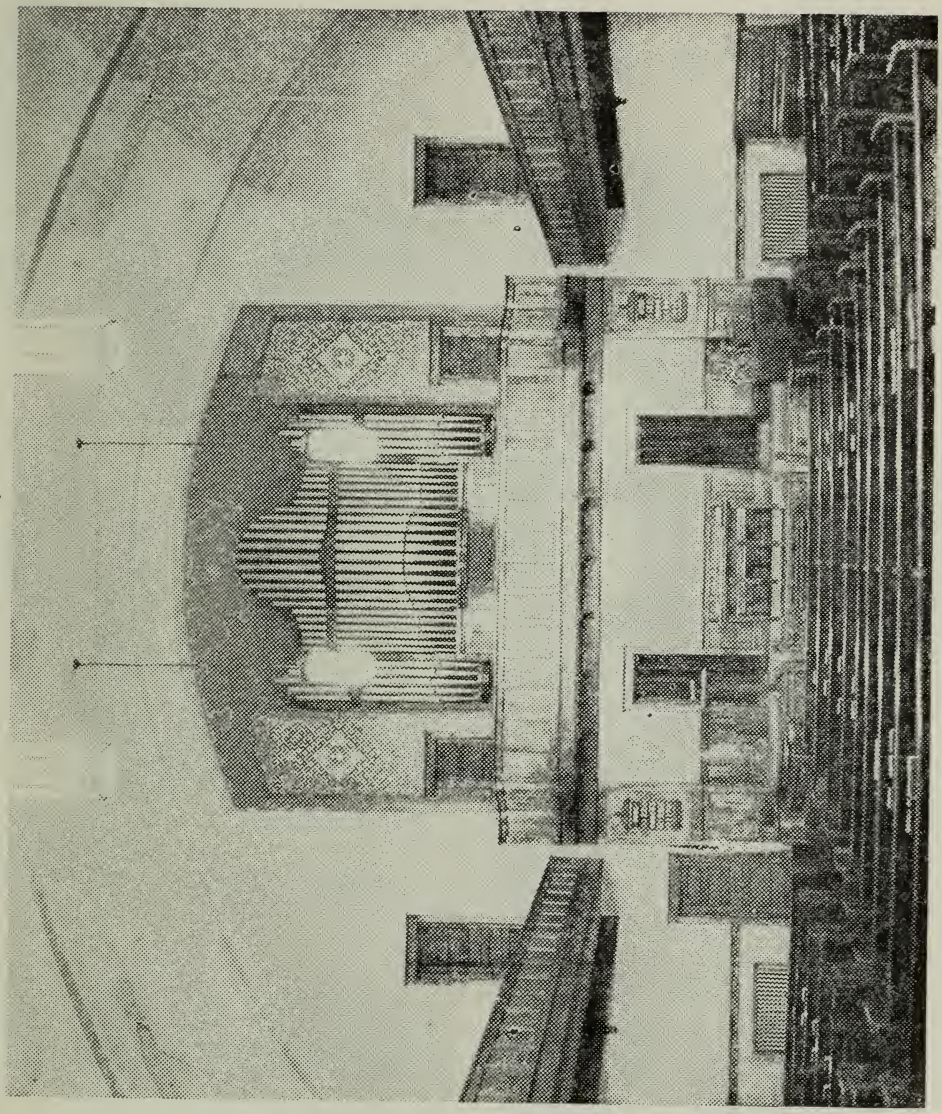
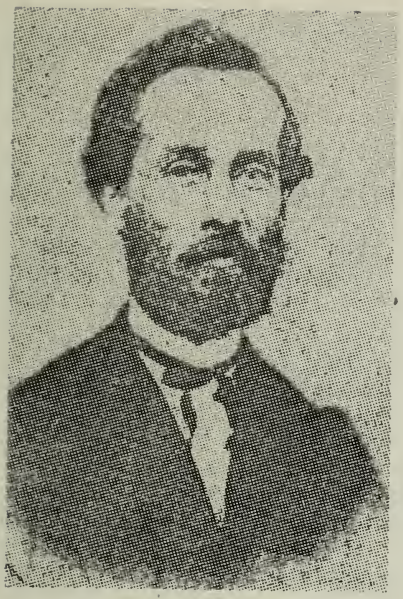


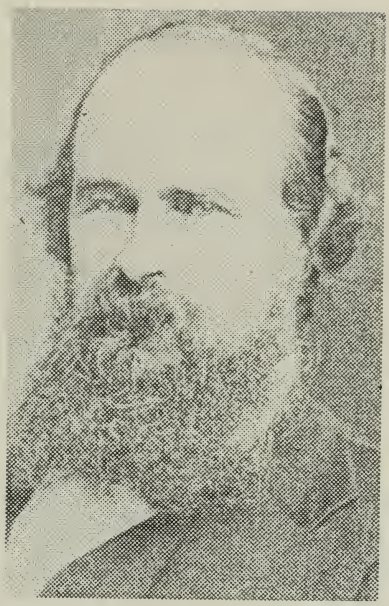
Interior of Church

OUR FIRST EDIFICE

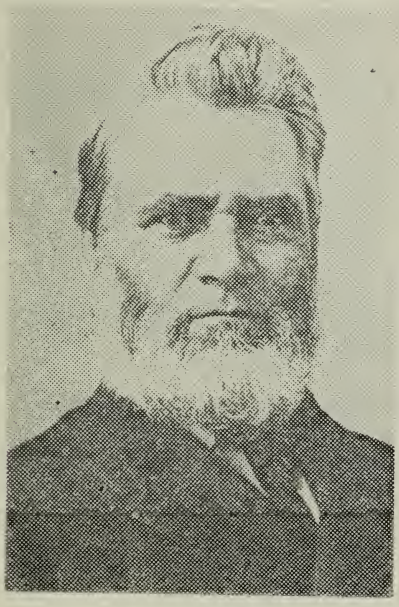
Corner Jordan and Kosciusko Streets



Our First Pastor
REV. ANTONIO DEMATTOS



First Pastor Second Church
REV. ROBERT R. LENINGTON



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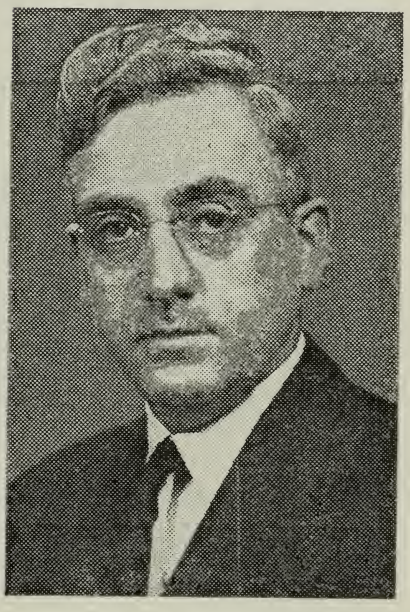
REV. E. N. PIRES



Our Present Pastor
REV. C. FRANK JANSSEN

HISTORICAL SKETCH

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HISTORY OF NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prepared By

MRS. LILLIE SEARS, GEORGE W. VASCONCELLOS AND WALTER H. DESHARA

When the Northminster Presbyterian Church was organized in Jacksonville, May 15, 1850, this city was only 25 years old. Many changes have taken place during the One Hundred years that Northminster has served this community.

The Northminster church was organized by a group of Portuguese people who came to Jacksonville from the Island of Madeira in the fall of 1849, settling in this city, Springfield and Waverly.

Before coming to America these people had previously organized a church on the Island of Madeira, which dated back to May 12, 1845. The Madeira church was organized through the efforts of Dr. Robert Reid Kalley, a Scotch physician, of the Free Church of Scotland.

The members of the church first worshipped in other churches of Jacksonville and in 1853 a building was erected at the corner of Jordan and Kosciusko streets.

Up to 1856 the church was under the Scotch Presbyterian Church.

The question of "New" and "Old" Presbyterian in the United States caused two churches to be formed.

The First Presbyterian Church going under the "New" and the Second Portuguese Presbyterian Church under the "Old" School.

The First church was organized with the Rev. Antonio DeMattos as pastor, while the Second church was formed with the Rev. Robert R. Lenington as pastor.

In 1875 the Second church became divided during the pastorate of the Rev. E. N. Pires.

Another church, known as the Central Portuguese Presbyterian Church was formed with the Rev. E. N. Pires, as pastor.

In February of 1887 the Central and First Churches united with the Rev. E. N. Pires as pastor. It was known as the United Portuguese Presbyterian Church.

The building used by the Central church was moved to the site of the First church, doubling its seating capacity.

On October 21, 1900, the United and Second churches united, forming what is now known as the Northminster Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Roger F. Cressey, as pastor.

On February 3, 1909, a committee was appointed to select a location for a new church building and the present site of Northminister church was chosen.

The corner stone for the new building was laid on August 21, 1909. The new edifice was constructed at a cost of approximately $45,000 and was paid for within a few years.

The pastors who have served the churches include, Rev. Antonio DeMattos, Rev. Henry Vieira, Rev. Robert R. Lenington, Rev. E. N. Pires, Rev. Hugo McKee, Rev. Charles B. Barton, Rev. George W. McWherter, Rev. Hiram A. Stinson, Rev. Roger F. Cressey, Rev. J. W. Eltzholtz, Rev. W. E. Spoonts, Rev. R. W. Burton, Rev. Harry Lothian, Rev. George Albright and the present pastor, Rev. C. Frank Janssen.

The present membership of the church is more than 300.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

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General Chairman—Rev. C. Frank Janssen.

Publicity—Leland Souza, *Chairman*; Mrs. H. E. Gollier.
Walter H. DeShara.

Finance—George Souza, *Chairman*; Charles Ornellas,
Walter W. Wild.

Music—Frank Bracewell, *Chairman*; Mrs. Clyde Vasconcellos,
Mrs. George W. Ferreira, Mrs. Melvin Smith.

Reception—Mrs. Carl Day, *Chairman;* Mrs. William Bieber,
Mrs. Thomas Fernandes.

Invitations—Mrs. George Coraor, *Chairman;*
Miss Cecil Munis, Miss Ardeen DeFrates,
Mrs. Robert Shannon.

Program—Lester Fernandes, *Chairman;* Wrenner Souza,
George W. Vasconcellos.

Historical—Walter H. DeShara, *Chairman;* Mrs. Lillie Sears,
George W. Vasconcellos.

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30th

Morning Worship—Dr. Ralph Cummins, Champaign, Illinois.

Remarks—Ernest L. Hoagland, Mayor of Jacksonville.

Evening Speaker—Dr. E. C. Pires, Delavan, Illinois.

TUESDAY, MAY 2nd

Evening Service—Rev. C. Frank Janssen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd

Church Family Night—Speakers: Carroll T. Hughes and Frank F. Bracewell.

George W. Vasconcellos, presiding.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th

Evening Service—Rev. Ernest L. Fernandes, Peoria, Illinois.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

Morning Service—Dr. Clifford E. Barbour, Moderator. Presbyterian General Assembly, Knoxville, Tenn.

Evening Service—Ministerial Association, Dr. Frank Marston, President.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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ELDERS—Frank F. Bracewell, *Clerk;* George Coraor, Clifford DeFrates, Henry DeFrates, Harold DeFrates, Walter H. DeShara, Melvin Smith, Leland Souza, Wrenner Souza, Clyde Vasconcellos, George W. Vasconcellos, Cal Vieira.

DEACONS—Loren DeFreitas, Paul DeFrates, Walter Edwin DeShara, Lester Fernandes, George McHenry, Harold O'Daffer.

TRUSTEES—Charles Ornellas, *President;* Wesley W. Sperry, *Vice-President;* Walter W. Wild, *Secretary;* Harry Oliver, *Treasurer;* George W. Ferreira, John McHenry, Harold Nunes, George Souza, Henry A. Souza.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—Wrenner Souza.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Mrs. George Coraor, *President;* Mrs. Paul DeFrates, *Secretary;* Mrs. William Bieber, *Treasurer.*

LADIES AID SOCIETY—Mrs. Carl Day, *President;* Mrs. Lillie Sears, *Secretary;* Mrs. L. Arch Vasconcellos, *Treasurer.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUPERINTENDENT—Harold Nunes.
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. George Coraor.
SECRETARY—Walter Edwin DeShara.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Dale DeFrates.
TREASURER—Harold DeFrates.
ASSISTANT TREASURER—Melvin Smith.
PIANIST—Mrs. Lillie Sardinah.
ASSISTANT PIANIST—Mrs. Norlys Hodge.
CHORISTER—Mrs. E. H. Sheppard.

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. G. C. Albright.
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. Thomas Fernandes.
PIANIST—Miss Ardeen DeFrates.
ASSISTANT PIANIST—Miss Doris Souza.

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CRADLE ROLL

SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. George McHenry.
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. Harold DeFrates.
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT—Mrs. Henry Bodensiek.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mrs. Anna Estaque, George W. Vasconcellos, Mrs. H. E. Gollier, Mrs. George Coraor, Mrs. E. H. Sheppard, Harold Nunes, Mrs. Clyde Vasconcellos, Mrs. C. Frank Janssen, Rev. C. Frank Janssen, Mrs. Carl Day, Mrs. Robert Kemp, Mrs. Willard Tranbarger, Mrs. Percy C. Fernandes, Mrs. Thomas Fernandes, Mrs. Robert Asher, Mrs. Paul DeFrates, Doris Souza and Ardeen DeFrates.

Sons and Daughters of the Church Who Have Entered The Ministry and The Mission Field

MINISTERS—John F. DaGama, Robert Lenington, Fred Lenington, Emmanuel Meline, Joseph F. Cherry, Henry Vieira, Robert Baptist, E. C. Pires, Ernest Fernandes.

MISSIONARIES—Manuel G. Santos, John Ornellas, Joseph Da Rhaunde, Mrs. Antonia Estaque, Mary Ferreira, Belle Ferreira, Laura Pires, Eleanor Pires, Joseph Martino, Rev. Antonio Leete.

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IN MEMORIAM

This space we set aside as a memorial to the Founders, Ministers and members of Northminster Presbyterian Church who have gone to their eternal home.

Through their efforts, labors, patience and faith in God, Northminster Church is now entitled to celebrate 100 years of spiritual service in Jacksonville.

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